

#### **IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning system comprising a hair removing apparatus and a cleaning device,

said apparatus having a height and an operator head at its top end, said apparatus incorporating an externally controllable electric circuit for driving said operator head and/or charging said apparatus in accordance with an external electric signal, said cleaning device comprising:

a housing configured to hold said apparatus ~~upside-down~~ in an inverted manner;

a basin formed in said housing for accommodating therein said operator head;

a tank provided on the housing to contain a volume of a cleaning liquid,

a supplying means for supplying the cleaning fluid from said tank to said basin for cleaning the operator head;

a controller for activating said supplying means as well as for providing said electric signal,

said housing being formed with a signal transmitting means for transmitting said electric signal,

said hair removing apparatus having a signal receiving means which comes into electrical interconnection with said signal transmitting means for giving said electric signal to said electric circuit when said apparatus is held by said housing;

~~wherein said signal transmitting means is disposed at a portion of the housing upwardly of said basin, and said signal receiving means is disposed intermediate the height of said apparatus~~

characterized in that

said signal receiving means is disposed intermediate of the height of said apparatus, and

said signal transmitting means is disposed on said housing at a portion intermediate its height so as to transmit to said signal receiving means said electric signal actuating said operator head of said hair removing apparatus as

well as said electric signal charging said hair removing apparatus.

2. (Original) The cleaning system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said signal receiving means comprises terminal pads formed on the exterior of an apparatus's casing, and said signal transmitting means comprises a set of contacts exposed on an exterior of said housing for pressed contact with said terminal pads, respectively.

3. (Original) The cleaning system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said signal transmitting means comprises a primary winding that is concealed within said housing and is electromagnetically coupled to a secondary winding held within the apparatus, said primary winding being electrically coupled to said controller, and said secondary winding being electrically coupled to said electric circuit of the apparatus and defining said signal receiving means.

4. (Original) The cleaning system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said housing is provided with holding means which holds the apparatus in a position where said signal transmission means is kept in electrical interconnection with said signal receiving means.

5. (Original) The cleaning system as set forth in claim 4, wherein said holding means includes a mechanism that gives a bias for urging said signal transmitting means towards said signal receiving means.

6. (Original) The cleaning system as set forth in claim 5, wherein

said housing is provided with a pulling unit that pulls the apparatus towards said housing to define said mechanism.

7. (Original) The cleaning system as set forth in claim 5, wherein said housing is provided with a pushing unit that pushes the apparatus against said housing to define said mechanism.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ cleaning system ~~as set forth in claim 5~~ comprising a hair removing apparatus and a cleaning device, said apparatus having a height and an operator head at its top end, said apparatus incorporating an externally controllable electric circuit for driving said operator head and/or charging said apparatus in accordance with an external electric signal, said cleaning device comprising:

a housing configured to hold said apparatus in an inverted manner;

a basin formed in said housing for accommodating therein said operator head;

a tank provided on the housing to contain a volume of a cleaning liquid,

a supplying means for supplying the cleaning fluid from said tank to said basin for cleaning the operator head;

a controller for activating said supplying means as well as for providing said electric signal,

said housing being formed with a signal transmitting means for transmitting said electric signal,

said hair removing apparatus having a signal receiving means which comes into electrical interconnection with said signal transmitting means for giving said electric signal to said electric circuit when said apparatus is held by said housing;

wherein said signal transmitting means is disposed at a portion of the housing upwardly of said basin, and said signal receiving means is disposed intermediate the height of said apparatus,

said housing is provided with holding means which holds the apparatus in a position where said signal transmission means is kept in electrical interconnection with said signal receiving means,

said holding means includes a mechanism that gives a bias for urging said signal transmitting means towards said signal receiving means, and

said housing has a bearing surface for bearing said apparatus, said bearing surface being inclined with respect to a height axis of said housing and being provided with a stopper for engagement with a portion of the apparatus such that the apparatus is guided along the inclined bearing surface and develops the bias force by its own weight when it is engaged with the stopper.